Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Saturday is inconvenient for me.

Mr. President: I am sorry. I realise that it is inconvenient to one hon'ble member. But in a matter like this, we have to consider the views of the majority.

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur)* What will be the arrangement of business?

Mr. President: Thursday's business will move on to Friday.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* On Saturday, it is rather inconvenient for Saraswat Brahmins.

Mr. N. Govinda Pai *(Nominated):* Saturday is a public holiday.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It is not a public holiday.

Mr. President: It is true it is a gazetted holiday.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It is a holiday for a special community.

Mr. President: That is why I mentioned the matter in this way to enable any hon'ble member inconvenienced by a sitting on Saturday to let me know.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* That is why I say it would be inconvenient.

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur):* That day happens to be a day of obligation for Catholics also, Saturday 25th of March.

Mr. President: Is it impossible for hon'ble member to attend the Council that day?

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur):* It is as impossible as to attend on a Sunday.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* But in Government offices nobody is allowed to be absent on Saturday, not even Roman Catholics, only people who observe the Telugu New Year.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* That is a Special Holiday for one Hon'ble Member. It is a special holiday for Cranganur, my constituency.

Mr. President: Does the Hon'ble member mean to suggest that all public offices in Cranganur are closed on that day?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I may be allowed to submit that if the Legislative Council is held in Cranganur, it cannot be held on Saturday.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* It is inconvenient to the Jewish community, it is inconvenient to Saraswat Brahmins, it is inconvenient to Roman Catholics. It is inconvenient to Cranganur constituency. Where is the question of conducting it in Cranganur?

Mr. President: I quite recognise that it may be inconvenient to some Hon'ble members to change the dates of the Council meeting like this. I think as far as I can judge the feelings of the House, that it would be in accord with the wishes of the majority that the House should meet on Saturday and finish its business rather than carry on the sittings to next week.

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS— *(cont.)*

78. Rs. 468—0—0 under "17-A-Law and Justice—Dearness allowance"
79. Rs. 450—0—0 under "17-A-Law and Justice—T. A."

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I rise to move for additional allotments of Rs. 468 under "17-A-Law and Justice—Dearness Allowance" and Rs. 450 under "17-A-Law and Justice—T. A." The 1st supplementary grant is due to the enhancement of the rate of dearness allowance granted to my staff as well as the staff of both the Government Pleaders. The second is required to meet the cost of increased travelling not only on account of the increase in the number of select committees but also on account of the fact that the Government Pleader has to appear in a certain case in Trichur and I had also to appear in Trichur in an important Government case. I request that the House may be pleased to grant these amounts.

Demands put and carried

80. Rs. 2,050—0—0 under "17-Law and Justice—B1-High Court—Dearness allowanc"
81. Rs. 5,200—0—0 under "17-Law and Justice—B2-District Court—Dearness allowance"
82. Rs. 850—0—0 under "17-Law and Justice—B2-District Court—Travelling allowance"
83. Rs. 12,400—0—0 under "17-Law and Justice—B (3) Munsiff's Court—Dearness allowance"
84. Rs. 7,375—0—0 under "17-Law and Justice—B (3) Munsiff's Court—Travelling allowance"

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Sir, I beg to move for the additional allotments of Rs. 2,050 under "17-Law and Justice—B1-High Court—Dearness Allowance",

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Rs. 5,200 under "17-Law and Justice—B2-District Courts—Dearness Allowance", Rs. 850 under "17-Law and Justice—B2-District Courts—Travelling Allowance", Rs. 12,400 under "17-Law and Justice—B (3) Munsiff's Courts—Dearness Allowance" and Rs. 7,375 under "17-Law and Justice—B (3) Munsiff's Courts—Travelling Allowance". These amounts are necessary for the purpose of meeting the expenditure in connection with the dearness allowance and on account of the enhanced travelling allowance to the peons of the courts. I request that the House may be pleased to grant these allotments.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know for how many months the travelling allowance was pending in courts?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Unfortunately I have no information.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* I only want to bring to the notice of the House that it is pending pretty long. I am not opposing the additional allotment.

Demands put and carried

85. Rs. 1,627 under "23-Medical—Hookworm Campaign"

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,627 under "23-Medical—Hookworm Campaign". It is necessitated to meet the expenditure of the hook-worm campagin which is being conducted in Cranganur. I request the House will be pleased to grant this amount.

Demand put and carried

86. Rs. 28,000—0—0 under "23-Medical-1-Dietary charges—Medical proper"

87. Rs. 5,000—0—0 under "23-Medical-2-Mental Hospital—Dietary charges"

88. Rs. 1,000—0—0 under "23-Medical-5-Tuberculosis operations—Dietary Charges"

89. Rs. 1,200—0—0 under "16-Medical-Cranganur—Dietary Charges"

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I rise to move for additional allotments of Rs. 28,000 under "23-Medical-Dietary charges—Medical proper", Rs. 5,000 under "23-Medical-2-Mental Hospital—Dietary Charges", Rs. 1,000 under "23-Medical-5-Tuberculosis operations—Dietary charges" and Rs. 1,200 under "16-Medical-Cranganur—Dietary charges".

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know, Sir, what was the rate available for dietary charges for a patient per day?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* 2½ annas.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* What will be the amount that is available in the present per day per patient.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* It is under 4 annas.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* What is the amount, above 2½ annas and below 4 annas? I do not oppose the grant.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Yes.

Demands put and carried

90. Rs. 24,777—0—0 under "23-Medical-1-Medical proper—Dearness allowance"

91. Rs. 1,256—0—0 under "23-Medical-2-Mental Hospital—Dearness allowance"

92. Rs. 256—0—0 under "23-Medical-3-Hill Dispensaries—Dearness allowance"

93. 156—0—0under "23-Medical-4-Leprosy Relief—Dearness allowance"

94. Rs. 359—0—0 under "23-Medical-5-Tuberculosis operations—Dearness allowance"

95. Rs. 559—0—0 under "16-Medical-Cranganur—Dearness allowance"

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I rise to move for additional allotments of Rs. 24,777 under "23-Medical-1-Medical proper—Dearness allowance", Rs. 1,256 under "23-Medical-2-Mental Hospital—Dearness allowance", Rs. 256 under "23-Medical-3-Hill Dispensaries—Dearness allowance", Rs. 156 under "23-Medical-4-Leprosy relief—Dearness allowance", Rs. 359 under "23 Medical—5—Tuberculosis operations dearness allowance" and Rs. 559 under "16-Medical-Cranganur—Dearness allowance".

Demands put and carried

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